

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1031  
By Rowland

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Terri Rene Simmons,  
2002 Valedictorian of Oakland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Terri Rene Simmons is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Oakland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Simmons has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Ms. Simmons has earned numerous honors and awards, including a membership to the prestigious National Honor Society and recognition as a Furman Scholar, as a Ventures Scholar, as a Gold Card Recipient and as "Most Outstanding Senior Girl"; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Ms. Simmons possesses tremendous athletic ability as she is an integral part of the Varsity Softball team; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers; Ms. Simmons is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Epsilon and the Excalibur National Honor Society; she was also chosen as Senior Homecoming Attendant and as an alternate for Girls' State; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Simmons participates in numerous community service organizations, including the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, she was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for her dedication to scholastic achievement and her commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Terri Rene Simmons's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend Spelman College in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simmons's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Charles and Joan Simmons, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simmons's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Oakland High School Valedictorian, Terri Rene Simmons, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.